

9. (Twice Amended) A protocol for producing viral particles which can be used for gene therapy, comprising the following steps (i) and (ii) :

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- (i) producing a crude viral preparation, comprising:
    - (a) infecting or transfecting a suitable cell line with at least one viral vector of interest;
    - (b) culturing said infected or transfected cell line under conditions which allow viral replication and the production of viral particles; and
    - (c) collecting the cells and/or the supernatant,
  - (ii) purifying said crude viral preparation according to claim 1.

10. (Twice Amended) The protocol as claimed in claim 9, comprising:

- (i) a cell rupture or lysis step after step (c), optionally followed by a step for degrading the nucleic acids,
  - (ii) a step for inactivating enveloped viruses, and/or
  - (iii) a packed-bed chromatography step and a gel filtration chromatography step.
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